

Application No. 10/087,850  
Amendment dated August 18, 2003  
Reply to Office action of July 16, 2003

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one invention, and set out two proposed claim groups from which to choose, namely Group I, consisting of claims 1 to 14 and 30 to 51; and Group II, consisting of claims 15 to 29. The Examiner also required an election of the invention to be examined, even though the requirement be traversed.

#### Restriction to One Invention

The applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of the claims in Group II identified by the Examiner, namely claims 15 to 29.

As set out previously in the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims", the claims of Group I, namely claims 1 to 14 and 30 to 51 have been withdrawn. The election made herein is made without prejudice to the Applicant's right to undertake prosecution of the non-elected claims at a later date by way of continuation or division, as the case may be, of this application.

As set out previously in the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims", the claims of Group II, namely claims 15 to 29 have been amended. Claims 15 to 18 have been maintained as originally filed. Previous claims 19 to 29 have been cancelled. New claims 52 to 62 have been placed on file, which recited the subject matter of claims 19 to 29 without reference to withdrawn claims 1 to 10 and 14.

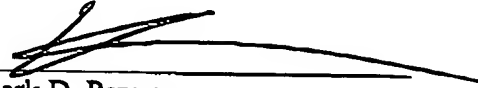
In view of the foregoing election and amendments, the applicant submits that the claims pending in this case are presently in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant requests early and favourable disposition of this application.

The applicant is of the view that no fee is required. The Commissioner is requested to charge any other fee, which may be required for the papers being filed with this letter to Account No. 02-2553.

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